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Dear Sir:

In preparation of paying the upcoming issue fee, it has come to our attention that the Patent Office records indicate the above Applicant is a Large Entity. Patentee respectfully submits that the original Application Data Sheet erroneously declared large entity status, however, Patentee states they are a non-profit university and that at no time during prosecution of this application and the resulting Notice of Allowance were they a Large Entity. Please see the attached correspondence between Patentee and the Attorney of Record, Edmund J. Sease.

Please change the entity status to SMALL as soon as possible, as the Issue Fee is due and Patentee would like to pay the fees well in advance of the due date of December 26, 2008.

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Attachment: e-mail correspondence (3 pages)

Patt Wilson

From: Edmund J. Sease

Sent: Thursday, November 13, 2008 8:59 AM

To: Patt Wilson

Subject: FW: Tsinghua University; U.S. Patent Application 10/549,336

From: PMF [mailto:PMF@chinantd.com] **Sent:** Friday, October 17, 2008 3:17 AM

To: Edmund J. Sease

Subject: 答复: Tsinghua University; U.S. Patent Application 10/549,336

Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No.: 10/549,336

Applicant: Tsinghua University

Your Ref.: P07314US00

Our Ref.: NP200500223/US01(Previous: P2003293C/US)

Dear Mr. Sease,

Thank you for your email of October 17, 2008.

We confirm that your understanding is correct. The applicant "Tsinghua University" is a non-profit University and should be recorded as small entity. If you need any evidence, please let us know immediately.

Your early response is much appreciated.

Very truly yours,

LIANG Dan (Ms.)
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From: Edmund J. Sease [mailto:ed.sease@ipmvs.com]

Sent: Friday, October 17, 2008 5:08 AM

To: PMF

Subject: RE: Tsinghua University; U.S. Patent Application 10/549,336

Dear Ms. Liang:

The issue fee as a small entity is \$1,180. We would have to register as a not for profit or small entity with less than 500 employees. Please confirm this is correct, and we will then prepare and file the change of entity status papers. We may have to have evidence of your non-profit status.

Ed Sease

From: PMF [mailto:PMF@chinantd.com] **Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 3:56 AM

To: Edmund J. Sease

Subject: 答复: Tsinghua University; U.S. Patent Application 10/549,336

Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No.: 10/549,336

Applicant: Tsinghua University

Your Ref.: P07314US00

Our Ref.: NP200500223/US01(Previous: P2003293C/US)

Dear Mr. Sease,

We refer to your email of October 8, 2008.

After checking the formal Notice of Allowance for the captioned application, we noticed that the applicant "Tsinghua University" was recorded as large entity. However, Tsinghua University is a small entity, which is a university of China. Please kindly let us know cost of the issue fee for the small entity via fax/email before **October 20, 2008**.

Thank you for your kind cooperation.

Please kindly acknowledge the safe receipt of this letter by return email. Thanks.

Very truly yours,

LIANG Dan (Ms.) NTD PATENT & TRADEMARK AGENCY LTD BEIJING OFFICE

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From: Edmund J. Sease [mailto:ed.sease@ipmvs.com]

Sent: Thursday, October 09, 2008 5:04 AM

To: Yuhui

Subject: Tsinghua University; U.S. Patent Application 10/549,336

Dear Ms. Yu:

Please see the attached correspondence.

Thank you.

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